



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 2

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

DATE: **AUG 15 2001**

SUBJECT: Request for Restart and 12-Month Exemption for a Removal Action at the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site, South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey

FROM: Eric J. Wilson, On-Scene Coordinator
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Site ID #: GZ

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Action Memorandum is to request a restart and 12-month exemption for the removal action described herein for the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site (Site), located in South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey, 07080.

The proposed action involves the removal and disposal of contaminated soil from the residential property located at 126 Spicer Avenue in South Plainfield and restoration of the property to pre-removal conditions. The estimated cost for this work is \$119,403 of which \$72,806 is for mitigation contracting. Costs associated with this action are not expected to exceed the costs previously authorized in the Action Memorandum for this Site dated September 23, 1998. As such, the overall project ceiling of \$425,000 remains unchanged.

Conditions at the Site continue to meet the criteria for a removal action under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as documented in

ENFORCEMENT ADDENDUM

**CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRONICS SITE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site July 2001

A. PRP Search

The title information provided below is an assimilation of the Chain of Title Research Documents prepared by TRC Environmental Corp. (EPA Contract #68-W4-0020, Work Assignment 008) and the Preliminary Assessment Report prepared for D.S.C. of Newark Enterprises, Inc.

Title search: (approximate)

1924 - March 1929	Spicer Manufacturing Corp.
March 1929 - August 1934	Plainfield Manufacturing Company
August 1934 - July 1946	Spicer Manufacturing Corp.
July 1946 - June 1956	Dana Corporation
June 1956 - July 1956	Dana Corporation Foundation
July 1956 - June 1961	Cornell-Dubilier Electronics
June 1961 - April 1976	Lamitex, Inc. and C.R.D. Realty Corp.
April 1976 - November 1976	Marco Investing Corp.
November 1976 - current	D.S.C. of Newark Enterprises

On September 10, 1996, Information Request Letters (IRLs) were sent to Cornell-Dubilier Electronics, Dana Corporation, DSC of Newark Enterprises and Federal Pacific Electric Company.

A draft PRP Search Report was completed for the Site in February 1998. PRPs identified include: Cornell-Dubilier Electronic, Inc., DSC of Newark Enterprises, Inc., Dana Corporation, Dana Corporation Foundation and Federal Pacific Electric. Potential PRPs identified include: Spicer Manufacturing, Corporation, Plainfield Manufacturing Company, Marco Investing Corporation; and past tenants and generators that operated at the industrial park.

On May 18, 1998, IRLs were issued to 31 companies including past and present tenants of Hamilton Industrial Park. Additional requests for information will be issued if and when additional former tenants are identified.

B. Notification of PRPs

On February 4, 1997, Notice letters were issued to Cornell-Dubilier Electronics and DSC of Newark Enterprises.

On July 22, 1998 Notice letters were issued to Cornell-Dubilier Electronic, Inc.; DSC of Newark Enterprises, Inc.; Dana Corporation; Dana Corporation Foundation; and Federal Pacific Electric.

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C. Decision Whether to Issue an Order

The decision was made to issue an Order for this work based on the following factors:

- e. Viable PRPs existed,
- f. PRP liability was not in question,
- g. PRPs appeared to have the financial ability to pay for the cleanup, and
- h. PRPs had performed similar work in past.

D. Negotiations and Order Issuance

An ACO for this work (Index Number: CERCLA-02-2000-2005) was issued to DSC of Newark Enterprises on or June 26, 2000. DSC failed to perform the work specified in the order promptly and properly. As a results of this failure, a fund-lead takeover of the work is necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment. DSC is subject to stipulated penalties, statutory penalties and punitive damages as a result fo their failure to comply with the terms of the order.

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Health have been notified of conditions at the Site and proposed actions to address human health and the environment.

DETAILED COST ESTIMATE.

**CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRONICS SITE
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<NONE>

\$72,805.81

PERSONNEL

\$21,256.60

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Reg Hrs/Day</u>	<u>OT Hrs/Day</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Reg Rate</u>	<u>OT Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Clean-Up Technician	2	8	2	10	22.48	32.72	4,905.60
Equipment Operator	1	8	2	10	38.59	56.38	4,214.80
Field Clerk/Typist	1	8	2	15	27.58	40.37	4,520.70
Response Manager	1	8	2	15	50.77	50.77	7,615.50

EQUIPMENT

\$6,772.00

<u>Description</u>	<u>RCMS #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Total</u>
Backhoe-CASE 580	03001010	1	175.00	12	2,100.00
Car-Passenger	01009010	1	35.00	21	735.00
Computer-Laser Printer	07023040	1	8.00	19	152.00
Computer-Portable PC	07023020	1	10.00	19	190.00
Copier	07031010	1	15.00	19	285.00
Generator-10 KW	07051020	1	75.00	18	1,350.00
Office-8x30	02055030	1	10.00	18	180.00
Pickup-2 wheel drive	01036010	1	50.00	20	1,000.00
Telephone-Cellular/Mobile	07093010	2	2.00	20	80.00
Van-Passenger	01054030	1	50.00	14	700.00

OTHER COSTS

\$44,777.21

<u>Description</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Backfill/Topsoil	210	30.00	6,583.50
Boundry Survey	1	2,500.00	2,612.50
Disposal	250	50.00	13,062.50
Landscaping	1	5,000.00	5,225.00
Lodging	77	129.00	10,379.99
PerDiem	82	38.00	3,256.22
Phone	1	1,000.00	1,045.00
Tree Removal	1	2,500.00	2,612.50